

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph number **[0002]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0002]** As the coin collecting device that collects coins for a vending machine, various arrangements have conventionally been proposed. Particularly, Japanese Utility Model Registration No. 3057393, Japanese Patent No. ~~32541439~~3254149, Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-92713, Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-133493 and Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-279476 respectively disclose techniques about coin collecting devices for a vending machine, which are capable of changing the number of coins required for purchasing an article.

Patent document 1: Japanese Utility Model Registration No. 3057393

Patent document 2: Japanese Patent No. ~~32541439~~3254149

Patent document 3: Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-92713

Patent document 4: Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-  
133493

Patent document 5: Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-  
279476